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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS TO BE USED IN CONGRESSIONAL
CONSULTATIONS

1. AS YOU REQUESTED, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE SUGGESTED
TALKING POINTS TO BE USED IN CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS,
SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO THE SECRETARY'S APPROVAL OF ANY
SUCH CONSULTATIONS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT BRIAN ATWOOD
HAS PROPOSED LIMITED CONSULTATIONS WITH GLENN, RIBICOFF,
PELL, PERCY, AND STAFFER ASHWORTH ON THE SENATE SIDE;
ZABLOCKI, BINGHAM, AND HIRC STAFFERS BERDES AND FORTIER
ON THE HOUSE SIDE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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-- AS YOU KNOW, WE CONTINUE TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THE SALE OF A FRENCH NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT TO
PAKISTAN. THE ISSUE IS A VERY SENSITIVE ONE AND ANY
PUBLICITY COULD VERY SERIOUSLY--AND ADVERSELY--AFFECT OUR
EFFORTS.

-- SINCE LAST SUMMER WE HAVE MANIFESTED OUR CONCERN TO THE PAKISTANIS BY DEFERRING ACTION ON ALL NEW ECONOMIC AID TO PAKISTAN OTHER THAN PL-480. WE HAVE TAKEN THIS

POSITION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GLENN AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO TRANSFERS OF REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDMENT SO THAT WE DO NOT CONSIDER APPLICATION OF THE AMENDMENT TO BE CURRENTLY REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO PAKISTAN. SHOULD ANY TRANSFERS TAKE PLACE, THE GLENN AMENDMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE IMPLEMENTED.

-- THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT, WHILE MAINTAINING ITS PUBLIC POSITION IN FAVOR OF REPROCESSING, HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED MAKING A CONTENTIOUS PUBLIC ISSUE OF OUR AID DEFERRAL. THIS POSTURE PERMITS US TO CONTINUE A USEFUL DIALOGUE.

-- WE CONTINUE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE SITUATION IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING FRENCH ELECTIONS, BUT WE ARE NOT UNHOPEFUL.

3. FYI - SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRETARY WE MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE RESUMPTION OF THE IMET PROGRAM. IN THAT EVENT, THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINT WOULD BE USED:

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-- MEANWHILE, SINCE ON THE BASIS OF ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE BELIEVE NO TRANSFERS HAVE TAKEN PLACE, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WITH THE FY-78 MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH IS ALSO, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO THE GLENN AMENDMENT. THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES NO SIGNIFICANT TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, IS OF CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO US AND IS HIGHLY VALUED BY THE PAKISTAN MILITARY WHICH IS NOW RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE ON THE REPROCESSING ISSUE AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY. CHRISTOPHER

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